

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
3 BILL NO. 2951

By: Rogers and Coody (Ann) of  
the House

4 and

5 Bice of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to schools; directing the State  
9 Department of Education and the Oklahoma State  
10 Regents for Higher Education to develop and implement  
11 teacher recruitment programs; requiring distribution  
12 of materials; giving certain programs priority;  
13 encouraging business community and school districts  
14 to cooperate in developing certain programs;  
15 encouraging certain associations to cooperate in  
16 developing certain programs; making actions  
17 contingent upon funding; providing for codification;  
18 and providing an effective date.

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16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and  
17 entire bill and insert

18 "[ schools - develop and implement teacher  
19 recruitment programs - contingent upon funding -  
20 Oklahoma Teacher Recruitment Revolving Fund -  
21 codification - effective date ]

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-131 of Title 70, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 Subject to the availability of funds, the State Department of  
2 Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,  
3 working in cooperation, shall:

4 1. Develop and implement programs to identify talented students  
5 and recruit those students and other persons into the teaching  
6 profession. Persons targeted for recruitment may include, but are  
7 not limited to, high school and undergraduate students, mid-career  
8 and retired professionals, honorably discharged and retired military  
9 personnel and members of underrepresented gender and ethnic groups;

10 2. Develop and distribute materials that emphasize the  
11 importance of the teaching profession and inform individuals about  
12 state-funded loan forgiveness and tuition assistance programs;

13 3. Give priority to developing and implementing recruitment  
14 programs to address the areas of teacher shortage identified in and  
15 the recommendations made in the educator supply-and-demand study as  
16 required by Section 6-211 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The  
17 Department may use discretionary funds to carry out the provisions  
18 of this paragraph;

19 4. Encourage cooperation between the business community and  
20 school districts to develop recruitment programs designed to attract  
21 and retain capable teachers, including programs to provide summer  
22 employment opportunities for teachers; and

23 5. Encourage major education associations to cooperate in  
24 developing a long-range program promoting teaching as a prestigious,

1 respected and desirable career and to assist in identifying local  
2 activities and resources that may be used to promote the teaching  
3 profession.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-132 of Title 70, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by Section  
8 1135.5 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes for Oklahoma License to  
9 Educate license plates shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Teacher  
10 Recruitment Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section.

11 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
12 fund for the State Department of Education to be designated the  
13 "Oklahoma Teacher Recruitment Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
14 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
15 consist of all monies received by the State Department of Education  
16 pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section and any  
17 donations, grants and gifts from any public or private source. All  
18 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated  
19 and may be budgeted and expended by the State Department of  
20 Education for the purpose of operating teacher recruitment programs.  
21 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
22 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
23 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
24 approval and payment.

1 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 2 of Enrolled Senate Bill  
2 No. 1038 of the 2nd Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Section 2. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
5 revolving fund for the Office of Educational Quality and  
6 Accountability to be designated the "Teaching Certification  
7 Scholarship Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund,  
8 not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all  
9 monies ~~received by the Office of Educational Quality and~~  
10 ~~Accountability from~~ appropriated thereto by the Legislature and any  
11 donations, grants and gifts from any public or private source  
12 received by the Office for the purpose of implementing the Teaching  
13 Certification Scholarship Program. All monies accruing to the  
14 credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and  
15 expended by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability for  
16 the purpose of implementing the Teaching Certification Scholarship  
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18 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
19 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
20 Services for approval and payment.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016."

22 and when the title is restored, amend the title to  
23 conform  
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1 Passed the Senate the 18th day of April, 2016.

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5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

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23 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2016.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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